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ABSTRACT

An outline is provided of the Wyoming State Library's annual plan for the 1974 fiscal year. Major programs are listed as being developed in the following areas: 1) to assist all Wyoming public libraries in reaching minimum state goals; 2) to strengthen statewide workshops, institutes, and inservice training programs which are calculated to upgrade existing manpower resources and eliminate inefficiencies on the state and local level; 3) to help public libraries to serve minority and disadvantaged populations; 4) to improve the ability of state institutional libraries to serve their patrons; 5) to expand library services to the physically handicapped, including the blind; 6) to strengthen the capacity of the State Library to perform its functions; 7) to provide funds for library construction and remodeling; 8) to offer drop shipment of library materials to all tax supported libraries of Wyoming; and 9) to perform miscellaneous tasks which do not fall under one of the other headings. Brief descriptions of the major activities of each program are provided. (LB)

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WYOMING STATE LIBRARY
ANNUAL PLAN

Fiscal Year 1974

Over the past year, the Wyoming State Library has made good progress toward achieving the goals set in the 1973 Fiscal Year Annual Plan. This year's plan, outlined below, will incorporate those programs that are ongoing and eliminate those which were found to be unnecessary or were completed during the past year.

As some of the programs listed in last year's plan have not yet been evaluated, they will be listed to continue on the basis of evaluation to be completed in 1973-74.

You will note that new programs have been added to both the Annual Plan and to the Five Year Plan, while some have been discontinued.

1.0 Program to assist all Wyoming public libraries in reaching minimal state goals

1.1 Assist as many libraries as possible in forming Friends of the Library groups. (Emphasis will be placed on the larger libraries).

1.2 Support the Wyoming Library Association in its effort to strengthen library service in the state.

2.0 Program to strengthen and continue ongoing statewide workshops, institutes, and inservice training programs, calculated to strengthen existing manpower resources and eliminate inefficient procedures and techniques on both state and local levels. (Emphasis will be placed on locally expressed needs; to include the subjects of library administration, personnel, finances and budgeting, reference and technical processing of library materials.)

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2.1 Invite librarians and trustees from all types of libraries to visit the State Library for a detailed orientation of the operation of the State Library and the services it can provide. (Note: This meets with great success and has become part of our plan.)

2.2 Seek support for programs of continuing formal education for professional librarians throughout the state.

2.3 Continue to build up our collection of library science materials. (Note: This is an ongoing function which supports one of our basic programs.)

2.4 To do a demonstration project on the role of the library in the dissemination of information via cable television.

2.5 Produce video tape training and informational materials for use by trustees, county commissioners, and library administrators.

2.6 Increase emphasis on statewide telephone communication network to encourage better advisory service to and from the State Library, and encourage more direct communications among the librarians in the state.

3.0 Program to strengthen the ability of public libraries to serve the minority and disadvantaged people within the state. (Note: Four grants were awarded during fiscal year 1973 which will be completed by July 1973 and will have to be evaluated by the Evaluation Subcommittee.)

3.1 Continue to locate and identify such persons within these categories. (Note: This is an ongoing program.)

3.2 Determine what services are required and how they may be implemented. (Note: This is part of the program mentioned above. Also, these programs have particular relevance among the patients and inmates of the state institutions.)

3.3 Make monies available for grants to public libraries which can show both the needs and benefits of programs designed to aid minority and disadvantaged groups. (Note: This continues our funding responsibility contingent on available funds.)

3.4 Investigate the needs of Indian groups within the state. (Note: A grant was awarded to Fremont County Library to make meaningful paperback books available on the Wind River Indian Reservation. This project is currently under evaluation and is showing preliminary evidence of a very favorable impact.

4.0 Program to strengthen the ability of state institutional libraries to serve their patrons.

4.1 Set criteria and provide grant aid to those institutional libraries which can demonstrate their need.

4.2 Continue training and workshops for institutional librarians. (Note: As the institutional librarians are similar in function to the public librarians, they will be trained along with the public librarians.)

4.3 Increase emphasis on work with the respective institution administrators to enhance their awareness of the potentials of good library service to serve their needs and objectives.

4.4 Possible development of a statewide film circuit available to all public and institutional libraries depending on available funds.

5.0 Program to strengthen and expand library service to the physically handicapped, including the blind.

5.1 Prepare a brochure to give to all medical outlets--doctors, optometrists, etc., with information on services available to blind and physically handicapped. This new project should be continued on an annual basis to keep these outlets current and cognizant of the services available to their patients.

5.2 Continue program for making talking books of local materials which are not available through the Library of Congress.

5.3 Continue to acquire any specialized equipment which comes on the market having benefit for the blind and/or physically handicapped individual placing it for demonstration purposes in the county libraries.

5.4 Endeavor to develop an efficient program for locating persons qualified to use the services available to the blind and/or physically handicapped.

6.0 Program to strengthen the ability of the State Library to perform its functions.

6.1 Continue with the development of a book catalog either in microform or printed.

6.2 Write interlibrary loan code for the state in cooperation with the Wyoming Library Association.

6.3 Maintain listings of library positions existing throughout the state.

6.4 Foster continuing education workshops for staff members, both professional and nonprofessional.

6.5 Continue the statistical responsibility of the State Library as the clearinghouse for library statistics.

6.6 Establish a centralized collection of nonprint materials. (Note: Continuing project)

6.7 Continue to provide for ongoing evaluation of State Library operations.

6.8 Through " Widening Horizon" project, make State Library services available to academic and school libraries. In the past they have been directly available only to public and institution libraries.

7.0 Program to provide funds for library construction and remodeling in Wyoming.

7.1 Make awards of federal monies to qualified library projects based on the following priorities, if funds are available.

a. New county library construction.

b. New branch library construction.

c. Additions or remodeling of county library buildings.

d. Additions or remodeling of branch library buildings.

8.0 Program to provide drop shipment of library materials to all tax supported libraries of Wyoming. (Note: Widening Horizons)

8.1 Maintain annual cost analysis program.

8.2 Design more efficient methods of operation such as data processing, etc.

9.0 Programs of a continuing nature not falling under any one LSCA title.

9.1 Developing an ongoing public relations program to create an awareness of the value of library service to the citizens of Wyoming.

9.2 Continue and expand all phases of reference and interlibrary loan service by opening the network to all tax supported libraries (Note: Widening Horizons), developing the reference collection, reorganizing the documents collection for better service, and emphasizing service to state agencies.

9.3 Implement a pilot project showing the ways in which cable television may be used to furnish information to the general public with emphasis to the disadvantaged. (Note: All federal, state and local governments together with non-profit organizations will have access to the broadcasting facilities.)

9.4 Continue to develop liason and coordination efforts throughout the departments of the state government.